

Reuse Working Group

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2005 Activities

<u>Summary</u>

- Conducted monthly full working group telecons & weekly team telecons
- Presented posters
 - ESIP Federation (January 2005, DC)
 - ESIP Federation (June 2005, San Diego)
 - AGU (May 2005, New Orleans)
 - Abstracts also accepted for December 2005 AGU
- Workshop at August ESIP Federation meeting
- Presented reuse recommendations to NASA HQ
- Developed policy recommendations
- Conducted 2nd phase of reuse survey
- Developed reuse portal
- Conducted trade study of reuse catalogs & repositories

Recommendations to Headquarters



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Policy Recommendations

- NASA should develop standard language for use in future procurement and grant notices that will encourage more software reuse
- NASA should adopt a policy of releasing its Earth science software to the community using the NASA Open Source Agreement

Enabling Systems Recommendations

- NASA should establish a Web-based information portal for the sharing and dissemination of information about software reuse practices for the Earth science community
- NASA should establish a system to facilitate the cataloging and distribution of reusable assets for the Earth science community

NASA HQ Response

Policy Recommendation 1

- Propose that nascent language developed for the REASoN CAs and draft system software policy be a starting point
- Reuse WG has the expertise to develop draft language and provide to HQ (i.e., Martha Maiden

 – Data Systems Program Executive)
- Data Systems Program Executive will work with NASA Legal to finalize appropriate language
- Upon concurrence by Headquarters SMD Management, appropriate language will be included in ROSES (Earth Science) announcements

Policy Recommendation 2

- For system software, NASA considers Open Source as one of a number of solutions to achieve effective lifecycle costs and appropriate design.
 Alternatively NASA may opt to assign copyright to NASA or it designee to foster commercial development.
- REASoN CA Data Rights (slide 8) states that proposals must document intent to commercialize system software upfront or software can be made available without restriction by NASA
- HQ agrees that the process for release software to open source should be improved and applauds the Reuse WG
- NASA seeks recommendation from the Reuse WG on how to facilitate and release software for Open Source

NASA HQ Response

- Enabling Systems Recommendation 1
 - Encourage the continued development of the http://softwarereuse.nasa.gov web site
 - Undertake a trade study to understand the roles of NASA Open Source Agreement web site (http://opensource.arc.nasa.gov), the role of GCMD in cataloging data services, and any other related NASA software sites
- Enabling Systems Recommendation 2
 - HQ thinks such a recommendation is premature and needs to await the results of a trade study concerning the establishment of a reuse portal (Enabling System 1)



Policy

Policy Activities

- Provided feedback to Headquarters on "Draft Policy for System Software Acquisition for NASA Data System Solicitation"
- Provided feedback to Headquarters on proposed changes to NPD 2210.1B (External Release of NASA Software)
- Developed draft language for future grant / procurement RFPs that addresses software reuse and open source software
 - for possible inclusion in ROSES (Earth Science) announcements
- Liaison with Office of Technology Transfer

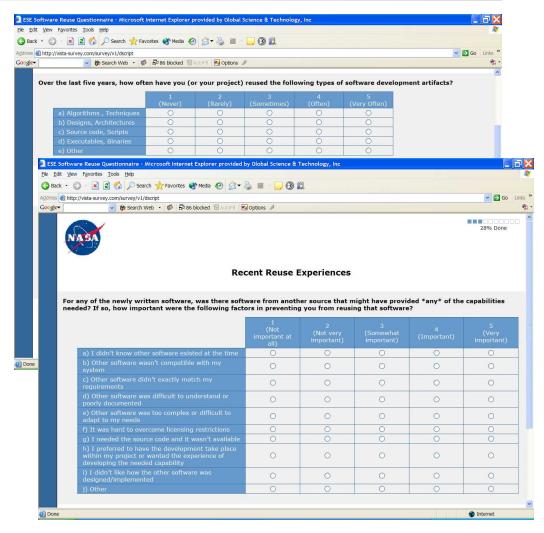


Reuse Survey



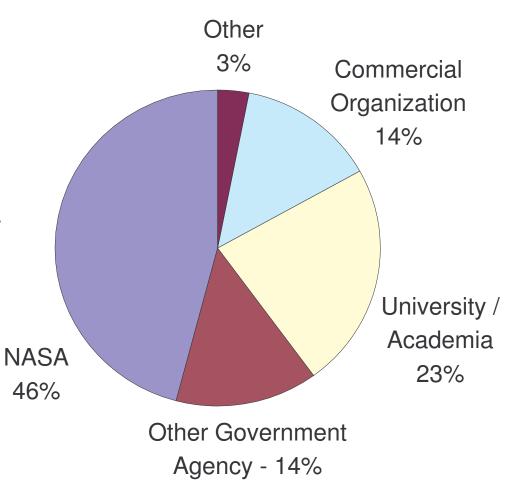
Reuse Survey

- Initially distributed in 2004 to working group members and .gov folks only (awaiting OMB approval for wider distribution)
- First phase survey closed on July 6, 2004
- Used Web-based survey tool (Vanguard Vista[™])
- Simple 1 to 5 response scale
 - Not important / Somewhat Important / Very important
 - Never / Sometimes / Very Often
- Four parts
 - Part 1: Information about respondent
 - Part 2: Recent reuse experiences
 - Part 3: Recent reusability experiences
 - Part 4: Community Needs



Reuse Survey 2005

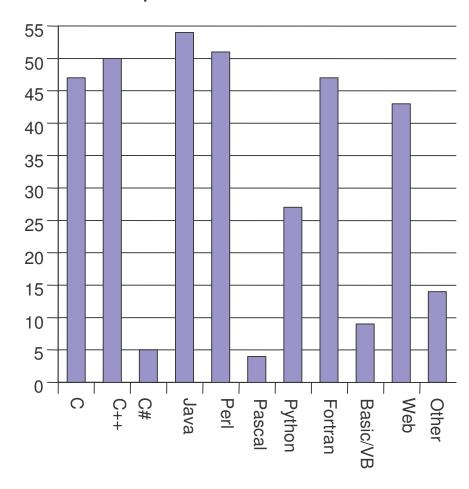
- OMB approval obtained 01/04/2005 (Approval No. 2700-0117)
- Approximately 3000 invitations issued
- Second phase survey closed on July 26, 2005
- Larger sample size than 2004 -100 responses
- More diverse set of respondents (includes nongovernment)



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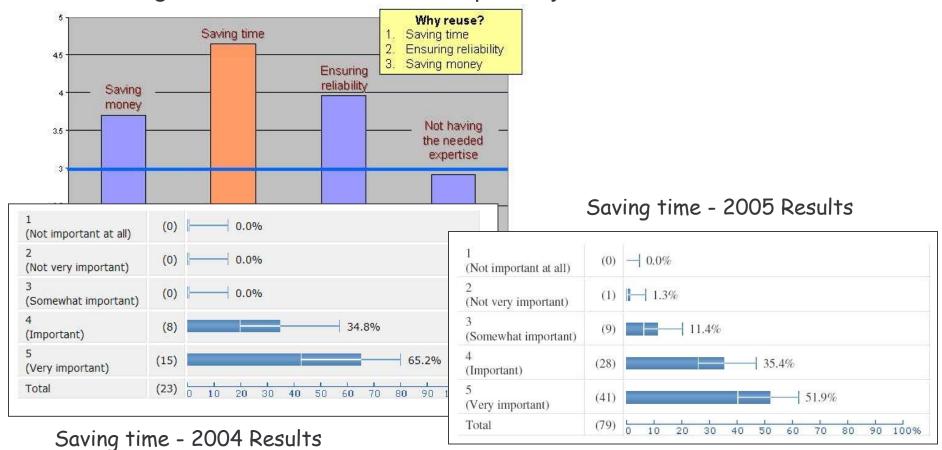
Environment

- Which Operating System(s) do you currently use or plan to use...?
- 75 70 65 60 55 50 45 40 35 30 25 20 15 10 5 0-Unix Win Mac Linux **IBM** Other
- Which programming language(s) do you currently use or plan to use...?



Survey Findings

- Confirms many of the findings of 2004 survey
- Some minor differences but generally not statistically significant
- Saving time is still ranked as the primary motivation for reuse

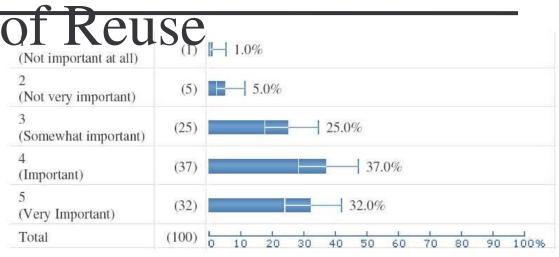


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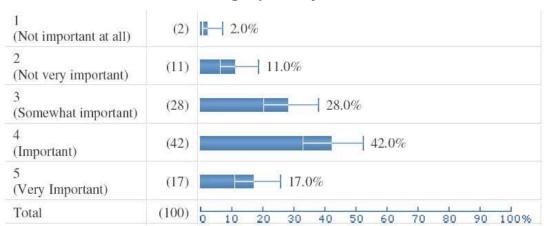


Increasing the Level

- Earth science catalog / repository seen as most important factor for increasing the level of reuse
 - 69% rated as important or very important
- Education/guidance on reuse also rated highly
 - 59% rated as important or very important
- Standardized support policy for reused software (not shown) also seen as important



Earth science catalog/repository for reusable artifacts



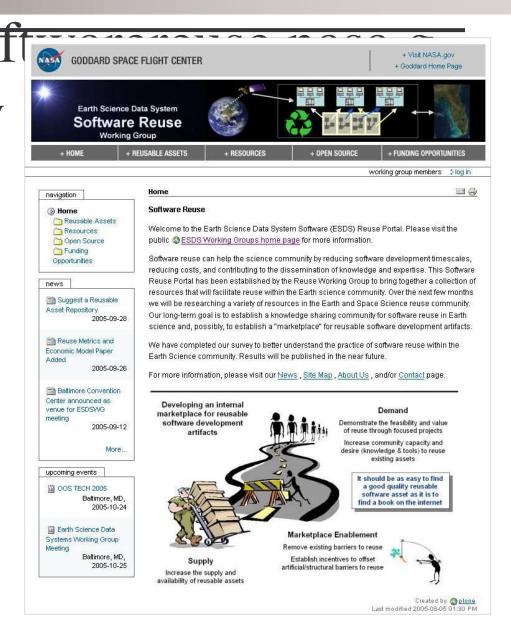
Education/quidance on reuse



Reuse Portal

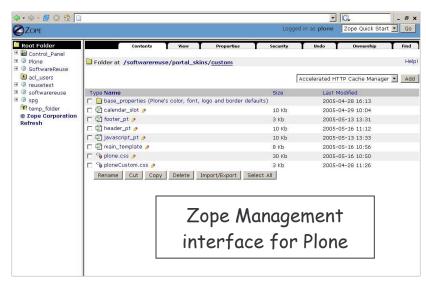


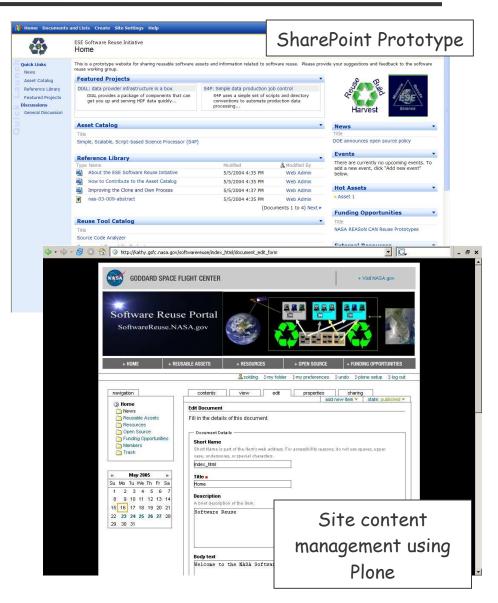
- The reuse portal is being developed to:
 - Raise awareness of softwar V
 reuse within the Earth science
 community,
 - Establish a platform for community members to share/exchange resources with each other,
 - Be the gateway for reuse information relevant to the community,
 - Make access to reuse resources easier, and
 - Become the major starting site for reuse within the community



AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION Reuse Portal

- Initial prototype of the portal created using Microsoft SharePoint
- Live version uses Plone
 - Open source content management system, running on Linux
 - Update content using a simple browser based interface
- NASA Portal Affinity consistent NASA look and feel
- First web site to use the new DSWG server (kathy.gsfc.nasa.gov)







AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION Portal Content Status

Home/News

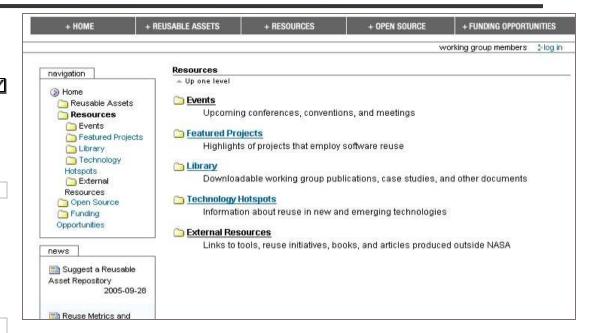
- $\sqrt{\sqrt{\Lambda}}$
- latest news and information
- Reusable Assets



- links to various catalogs (e.g., GCMD, OTT Open Source)
- Open Source



- Funding Opportunities
 - information about funding opportunities for reuse



Resources

(overall)

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Events

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Featured Projects

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Library (working group documents)

Technology Hotspots

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External Resources (links to external books and papers)



Trade Study



Trade Study Background

- Enabling Systems Recommendations
 - NASA should establish a system to facilitate the cataloging and distribution of reusable assets for the Earth science community
- NASA Headquarters tasked the Working Group to look at the roles of the GCMD, Open Source Agreement site, and other sites in serving the community and meeting reuse needs.
 - Ensure that there are no existing systems that already fulfill the role proposed by the reuse working group for a reuse enablement system



System

- Specific functional requirements identified from use cases for the system include:
 - Register User
 - Contribute/Update Assets
 - System Feedback
 - Automatic Notifications
 - Discovering Assets
 - Register Asset Usage
 - Asset Review
 - Monitoring Feedback
 - Workflow Management
 - Capture Asset Needs
 - Catalog or Repository

requirements include:

- Minimal Operation Support
- Performance
- Security
- Technology
- Important non-functional requirements include:
 - Domain (Earth science focus)
 - Type of assets provided (should include small sized components)

Requirements developed by the 2004 Support & Enablement sub-team



NASA Systems

<u>Summary</u>

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Requirement / Feature	Global Change Master Directory (GCMD)	GSFC Open Source Site	Ames Open Source Site	HDF-EOS Tools and Information Center	Computational Technologies Project	Earth Observing System Clearinghouse (ECHO)	Planetary Data Systems Software Download
Domain	Earth science	Earth and space science	General science	Earth science, HDF/HDF- EOS	Earth and space science	Earth science	Planetary astronomy
Type of Assets	Data sets, data services	Open source packages	Open source packages	Applications	Applications and source code	Metadata	Tools, binaries and source
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Contribute/Update Assets	***	***	****	****	\$5\$5\$	***	***
System Feedback	***	***	***	***	***	***	***
Automatic Notifications	***	***	***	***	***	****	1000
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Provide Asset Review	\$0\$0\$	***	****	****	10101	***	****
Monitoring Feedback	****	***	****	20202	****	****	***
Secure Log In / Registration	N/A	NO	NO	NO	N/A	YES	N/A
Catalog or Repository	Catalog	Both	Both	Repository	Catalog	Catalog	Both
Operation Support	Large	Small	Small	Inactive	Small	Available	Small
Technology	RSYNC, Zope, CVS, Linux, Java, JavaServer Pages, XML, Apache, Oracle/PostgreSQL, Struts, Lucene, XSLT, Dreamweaver	PHP	JavaServer Pages	Cold Fusion	HTML	XML (WSDL), SOAP, UDDI	Cold Fusion

Note: Evaluations are based on how well the systems meet the reuse enablement system requirements not how well the systems perform their primary role.



Non-NASA Systems

Summary

Requirement / Feature	Open Channel Foundation / COSNIIC	SourceForge	Freshmesk	Scientific Applications on Linux	National Technology Transfer Center	National IIPCC Software Exchange	ONS SAIL	Savamah	Space Tekscope Science Institute	Astronomical Software and Documentation Service
Domain	General	General	General	Scientific	Federal technologies (mostly NASA)	HPPC	Mathematics	General	Astronomy	Astronomy
Type of Assets	Applications and source code	Open source applications	Open source applications	Tools and packages with source code	Applications	Tools and end packages	Source codes	Tools and packages	Packa ges, source	Packages, source
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Catalog or Repository	Repository	Repository	Repository	Catalog	Both?	Catalog	Repository	Repository	Repository	Catalog
Operation Support	Medi um	Large	Medium	h active	Uncertain	Inactive	Large	Large	Small	Medium
Technology	PHP, MySQL	PHP	XML-RPC	HTML, Java	ASP	Repository In a Box	HTML	Peri, PHP, MySQL	HTML	HTML



Trade Study Conclusions

- None of the existing sites fulfill the role of a software repository for the Earth science community.
- None of the systems provide the capabilities needed to function as a reuse enablement system.
- Typical shortcomings of existing systems include the following:
 - Not meeting enough of the critical functional requirements
 - Not focusing on the Earth science domain
 - Not targeting software developers as the primary audience
 - Not providing the type of small-sized assets that are most desired by the community of Earth science software developers for reuse purposes
- A new catalog/repository system is needed to encourage and better enable software reuse within the community of Earth science software developers.
- Some collaboration with existing systems may be possible, but existing systems alone cannot meet the needs of this community.



Reuse Breakout Sessions



Breakout Session

Agenda

Tuesday 25-Oct		Wednesday 26-Oct			Thursday 27-Oct			
07:30 AM	Registration and breakfast							
08:30 AM	Welcome, logistics, speaker	08:30 AM	Joint breakout (Reuse, Infusion & Stds.)		08:30 AM	Plenary speaker		
10:00 AM	Break		Break		09:45 AM	Break		
10:30 AM	Working Group Summaries		Reuse breakout: reuse portal planning		10:15 AM	Reuse breakout: Planning, report back prep.		
12:00 PM	Lunch with speaker							
01:30 PM 04:00 PM 05:00 PM	Reuse breakout: survey report, reuse enablement system	01:30 PM	Poster session	Demos (CET, metrics tool, etc.)	01:30 PM 04:30 PM	Plenary session: report backs, wrap- up		

- Introduction / summary Robert / Vic / Steve
- Reuse survey report Steve
- Trade study report Jim
- Reuse enablement system requirements recap Steve / Nancy
- Review RES use cases Steve / Nancy / All
- RES requirements development planning All
- Joint breakout session planning Shahin

- Joint breakout Reuse, Technology Infusion, Standards
- Reuse portal functionality Ryan
 - Reuse portal recap
 - Reuse portal content maintenance
- Reuse portal management Bob
 - Content submission criteria
 - Content submission and approval process
 - Assign content management coordinators